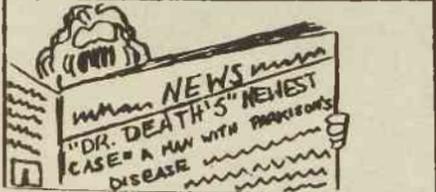


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Nubian Nuance '99 scheduled
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Nubian Nuance '99 "A Myriad of Elegance, Essence, & Excellence" was the theme of the week long events that graced Bennett's campus April 7-11.

"Nubian Nuance is aimed at school spirit and community activity," said Zenya Cleveland a

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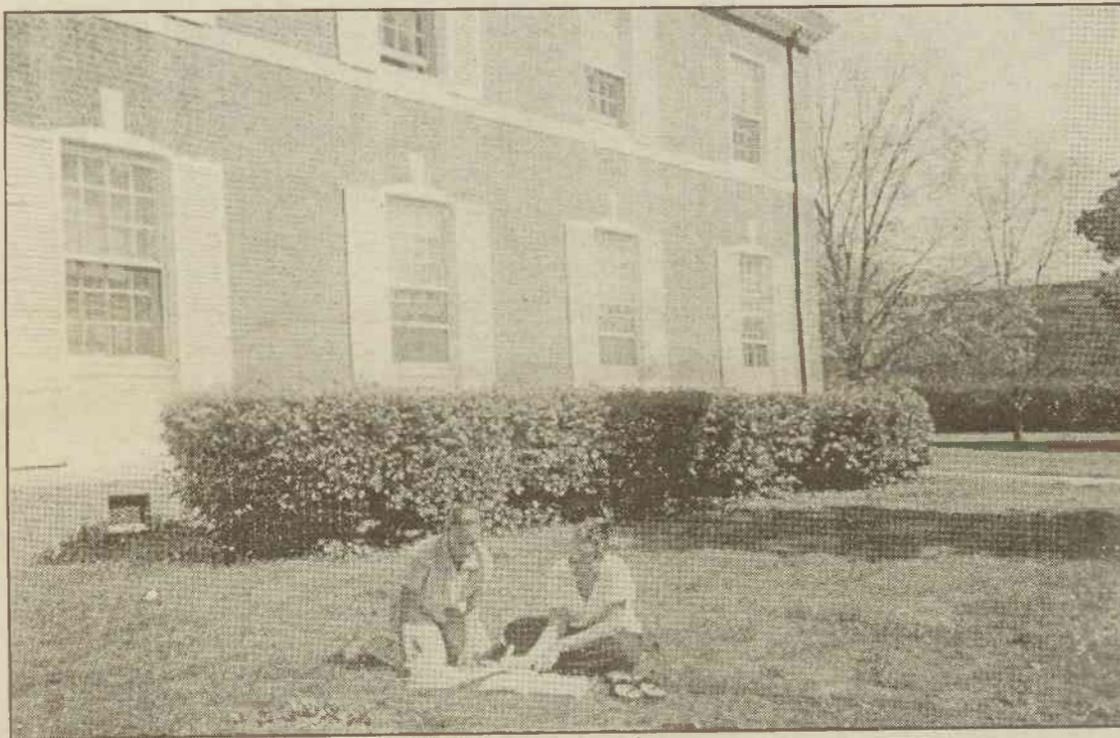
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Outside studies

Tondra Williams '02 special education major from N.Y. and Cayce Moses '02 mass communications major from San Bernadino Calif. study outside in front of Reynolds Hall. The temperatures were in the 70s. Photo by Leah Whaley-Holmes, Banner Photographer.

SACS visit approaching

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Staff Reporter

Just two days left.

April 11-14 the campus will be visited by a 15-member team of people wearing either shirts or blazers, that are adorned with gold plated identification badges that say "Commission On Colleges."

During their four-day visit, the visiting team may be seen eating in the cafeteria, visiting residence halls, or even sitting in on classes.

These visitors — including a college president, academic affairs, vice president, department chairs, and professors — are members of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the designated

regional accrediting body for colleges in 11 southern states.

Accreditation of an institution focuses on the improvement of educational quality throughout a region and also ensures the public that institutions meet established regional standards.

Bennett first received SACS accreditation in 1957. The last time a SACS team visited Bennett for an accreditation was in 1989.

Every 10 years, members of the Commission determine the eligibility of a college to participate in programs authorized under Title IV of the 1992 Higher Education Amendments and other federal programs.

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One on one with President Scott

BY MONYA TOMLINSON
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President Gloria Randle Scott recently discussed the upcoming SACS board visit and the progress of Bennett College with Banner staff writer Monya Tomlinson.

Banner: Has the college met its goals for this academic year?
Scott: We are still working towards all eight of our long-range goals -- especially the goal to increase its enrollment to 1,000

students by [the year] 2000. So far, we haven't struck this goal, but the number of adult students who are continuing their education has increased. We hope to further this goal by increasing our pool of potential applicants because though we are small, enrollment drives this institution. I find that the biggest problem for a large number of applicants is money. They're offered more money at larger schools or they don't have the qualifications to get financial aid here. We have to find

ways to attract more students. One of our more exciting ideas is a potential charter high school for girls that would feed into Bennett. Issues like this are what we need to focus on if we are to meet our goals. We will be starting an Emergent Issues Committee composed of faculty, staff, and a few students to act as a "think tank" for Bennett.

Banner: What do you think is Bennett's biggest challenge as the new century approaches?

Scott: I think we need to retain our

liberal arts value system. In today's society, so much weight is being placed on technology, we are forgetting about the importance of 'just knowing.' We should work towards a wiser use of technology while staying focused on the basic liberal arts foundation. Bennett should challenge itself to continue to speak out on women's development issues. We have a larger influence on this community than we realize.

Banner: Will there be any major

changes to the College organization next year?

Scott: There are none that I can think of right now. After all, we've had a major restructuring in the past three years. We went from four administrative departments to three, we have recently started the position of Provost, and we added seven vice-presidents to administration. The only retooling that may be possible is in the department of Fiscal Affairs.

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